PREPARATIONS FOR THE CHARITY BALL

RECEPTIONS AND ENTERTAINMENTS. There is every indication that the charity ball, be given on April 13 in the Harlem Opera House Hall, under the auspices of the leading we of Harlem, will be a great success. The women in rested in this charity are among the most sticce organizers of charitable enterprises in this part of the city, and they have set about this ball in a way that shows they intend to make it an occasion long to be nembered, both as a social affair and a charitable enterprise. On Thursday evening a public auction of the boxes will take place at Ellerslie's, No. 82 West One-hundred-and-twenty-sixth-st., when the twentysix boxes, without reserve, will be awarded to the signest bidders. The managers have decided not to them only through the patronesses of the ball, by which means only describle persons can gain admittance to the hall. The price of tickets has been placed at 85. A list of the patronesses was given in last Sunday's Tribune. The sum realized from this ball is to be divided among the non-sectarian charities of

The Independence Club of Harlem which is an outgrowth of the First Presidential Voters' Republiwith a dash and energy which characterized the parent club. This club has decided to give a "smoker" at its handsome clubrooms, No. 337 Lenox-eve., every saturday evening. These "smokers" are to have a peculiar significance each night. On February 4 the "smoker" was called "Hard Times," in which infects of the members dressed to represent the different stages of financial distress, and each one enseavored to outdo his competitor in making a penu rious appearance. George S. Noble was voted to be ost disreputable looking character" in the Another interesting feature of this "smoker ras a mock-trial, in which David E. Block was charged by the police with libel. "His Honor," John T. scupled the bench. Julius M. Mayer and William F. H. Koelsch appeared for the prisoner, while William S. Lawton, ir., was counsel and Lincoln Doty Brown, assistant district attorney. When the evidence was all in it was shown that Mayer and Koelsch had made an impression on the jury, so that it took just two minutes to give a verdict of "not guilty." After the trial an interesting programme was given by Richard Hamilton, Howard Hunt and J. Leshe Gossin,

The Alexander Hamilton Post gave an entertain ment at its headquarters, No. 331 Lenex-ave., on Tues day evening, at which many of the members of the post and other posts in the city attended. The feature the evening was a lecture by Past-Commander F. s Bartram, illustrated with 200 views of his too ifferent European countries. Miss A. Aline Sto. selections on the piano, Miss Marione recited "Bingen on the Rhine," while the Alexander Hamilton Fost Glee Club sang several song The members of the glee club are O. F. Middleton H. H. Halton, T. E. Parsons, Wesley Farrington and

At the close of the programme there was a reception. Some of those present were Abraham Steers, James A. Celvin, Samuel Clellau, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Davis, Albert E. Scott, William R. Willis, A. M. Underbill, J. W. Connolly, George Kraemer, William T. Wood. Thomas West Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lawren lames La Coste, Miss La Coste, Mr. and Mrs. Thornbury Mr. and Mrs. Randelph, A. H. Montagne, Mr. and Mr-H. T. Peirce, William N. Philbrick, Miss Fhilbrick, John Hewlett, Miss Howlett, Miss Fraser, Albert Roome, Miss Davis, Philip B. Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hewlett, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Chester, Mr. and Mrs. William Moran, Miss Moran, Mr. and Mrs. Theo dore Silver and the Misses Holly. Nearly a hundred men and women of the

Presbyterian Church gave a musical allegery on Fri-lay night at Madison Hall, in One-hundred-and-twentyfth-st. and Madison ave., entitled "The Temple of Fame." a combination of tableaus, which was played on the stage with the settings of a Greek temple. throne of the goldess of Fame with her retinu forming the principal feature. The costumes were forming the principal feature. The costumes were in keeping with the surroundings, and the goddess of Fame was Mrs. E. H. Phillips, who were a Greek costume of white and gold. Near her was A. H. Stuart, who took the part of a herald, and Miss J. Blair took the part of Helen of Troy. Some of the other people taking part in the allegory were Mrs E.M. Hoagland, Miss Bishop, Miss Mamie Knox, Miss M. L. Gibbs, Miss Clara M. Hager, Miss Florence Craig, Mrs. A. B. Humphrey, Mrs. W. G. McCrea, Miss L. Buxton, Miss Sarah R. Stuart, Mr. McCliatock, Mr. Tully, Mr. Gordon, Miss Etta Waumaker, Miss Simms, Miss Louie S. Wray, Mrs. T. Arthur Hay, Mrs. Thomas McAdam, Miss Emma Woodhull, Emma Woodward, Miss Virginia Bowen, Helen Wells, Miss Cora Brome, Miss Mattle Knox, Miss N. Jones, Miss Natle M. Wanier, Mrs. A. T. Nye Miss Sophie J. Octers, Miss Isadora C. Dean, Mis-Lottle Morange, Miss Sarah H. Wentworth, Miss Edith Allen, Miss Agnes M. Halladav, Mrs. E. P. Whitehorn, Miss Hortense Ealsley, Miss Margaret Knox, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Kleler, Mr. Wiedland, Mr. McAllister, Miss Emily Cody, Miss Lizzie D. Jeffrey, Miss Nellie McAllister, Miss Laura Millspaugh, Miss O. M. Gib-Miss Emma Aldhous, Miss Lucy Lawson, Mis Belle Torrens, Miss Winifred Richardson, Miss Georgine

A diamatic and musical entertainment was given Wednesday evening at Arthur Hall, No. 351 Lenoxave., under the auspices of the Ariel Tennis Club, for benefit of the Lenox Avenue Union Church (Dis ciples). An interesting feature of the evening was an opera, which was given under the direction of Edwin Crawford. Those taking part in the pro gramme were D. M. Cole, O. S. Schader, A. H. Good-son, Miss C. M. Pilot, Miss Florence Stroud, Miss L. Stroud, Miss Jernie A. Schontag, the Young Men's Christian Association Mandolin Club, E. Framhall Child, Hadin Houghton, O. W. Tothani, A. C. Postly, E. A. Seeley, Miss Edith Tompkins, Miss A. Green, Bell, Miss T. L. Happy, E. P. G. Granville, H. H. Claxton, E. E. Payson, J. H. James G. H. Campbell, J. G. Lock, George Nixon, W. E. Kupper, E. J. Kingsland, Miss Costigan, Miss Mapes, Miss E. L. Strind, Miss G. Holley, Miss L. Bacon, Miss E. N. Carr, Miss Trimer and Miss Annie C. Rexstraw. The proceeds were devoted to the building fund of the Lenox Avenue Church, and a large sum was netted.

Burchill and Miss Lillie Howe.

A concert will be given on February 15 at the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, No. 5 West One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st., by Professor B. V. Giannini, for the benefit of the Italian Mission. programme will be made up of classical and operatic nusic. ' Miss Ida Branth will be the violinist of the

or C. Baldwin will give a series of organ re citals in Lent in the Pilgrim Congregational Church in Madison-ave, and One-hundred-and-twenty-first-it. He will be assisted by other well-known musicians. concert will be given on February 21, beginning

at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The Columbus Club of West Harlem gave an entertainment and dance at its headquarters in One bundred-and-forty-first-st, and Fighth-ave., Wednesday evening, in which the following took part: Professor and Thomas Brennan. At the close of the programme there was dancing. The Floor Committee consisted of Frederick Carson, Frederick Meyer, jr., Adam Kraft, Godfrey Kraft, William Farmer, James Farmer

The Silver Star League also gave an entertainment and dance on Wednesday, at No. 2,249 Second ave. The programme was given by Miss Florence Des Agnes. Miss Lizzie Thompson and A. Williams. Some of those present were Miss Lizzle Jerome, Miss F. Thompson, Miss Eva Matterson, Miss N. Black, Miss Lillie Kendall, Charles Cox, William Chilmark, Miss C. Black, Miss Marde Taggart, Oscar Beekman, Charles Phillips, Charles Beekman, Dr. E. Rogers, Jerome Ben-

sing and A. Rogers. The Hawthorne Literary Society gave its third monthly dance on Thursday evening at Ellerslie's, No. 2 West One-hundred-and-twenty-sixth-st Those having charge of the floor were William C. York, jr. Arthur Fuller, Vincent J. Dunphy, R. A. Soich, Harry A. Bliven, R. Richard Mandok, Warren A. Miller, Louis A. Bliven, R. Richard Mantlok, Warren A. Miller, Louis J. Waters, Arthur H. Groo and Dr. Joseph L. Johnson, A successful "apron safe" was held on Theeday evening in the pariors of the Mount Morris Baptist Church in Flith-ave, near One-hundred-and-twenty-seventiest., by the Thoughtful Circle of King's Daughters, connected with that church, at which a considerable sur of money was realized for the charitable work of that organization. Those having charge of the different departments of the safe were Miss Jessle Moore, Miss May Higgins, Miss Adele Van Cott, Miss Laura Honey, Miss Bessle Rapelye, Louise Hobbs, Miss Earlly Van Cott, Miss Chara Higelow, Miss Kittle Drummond, Miss Anna S. Ready and Miss Louise Moraz.

The Rev. Charles B. Chapin will be instelled as pastor of the Hamilton Grange Reformed Church, In

he Hamilton Grange Reformed Church, hand-firty-fifth st. and Convent-ave., Tue One-hundred-and-Fryshith st. and Convenience. Aday evening. Elaborate preparations have been made for the occasion. The Rev. John C. Elliss, the Rev. Dr. David J. Burrell, the Rev. Dr. William Justin Harshs, the Rev. Dr. Roderick Terry and the Rev. Dr. Edward B. Coe will be present and take part in

the exercises.

Company B of the 71st Regiment gave a successful "stag racket" on Thursday evening in Arthur Hall, No. 331 Lenox-ave. An interesting programme was given under the direction of Sergeant Branders, Bergeant Frederick D. Holbrook, C. G. Gordon and W. T. Wright. Some of those taking part in the programme were Frederick De Forest Crozler, G. S. Greis, Master Greis, T. A. Hill, J. H. Carv. F. D. L.

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The Industrial School connected with the Filgrim Congregational Church celebrated its sixteenth annotyersary on Thursday evening in the church in Manison-ave, and One-mandred-and-twenty-first-st., the exercises consisting of music and addresses. Chaplain steele, of Randall's Island; the Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Virgin and the Rev. Dr. Jacob E. Price, of st. James's Methodist Episcopai Church, assisted in the exercises. A class of six boys gave an exhibition of symmatic exercises under the direction of William McCastin, come of the teachers of the secand are Miss M. Wright, Mrs. McCastin, Miss McKee, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Stewart, Miss Fanton, Miss L. Armielm, Miss E. Viele, Mrs. Goodenough, Mrs. Rogers, Miss Prior, Mrs. Wary, Miss Wilson, Miss J. Kipp, Miss C. Raymond, Miss Rudolph, Mrs. Land, Miss Livernove, Mrs. Huribut, Mrs. La Cost, Miss E. Manchester, Miss Hauvelt, Mrs. Lot, a, Mrs. Auger, Mrs. Thomas Bodley, Miss E. M. Vanderboget and Miss L. Berwick.

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manyelt, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. M. F. Auger, Mrs. Thomas Bodley, Miss E. M. Vanderboget and Miss L. Berwick.

The regular monthly meeting of the first branch of the New-York City indian Association will be ledden Tuesday, at 10:30 a. m., in the parlors of the second collegiate Reformed Church in Lenox ave, and One-hundred-and-twenty-third-st., at weich an effort will be made to secure clothing for the boys in the Indian School in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Thomas Mc.daam entertained the Whist Chabat her home. No. 220 West One-hundred-and-thirty-first-st., Monday evening, at which a silver hairpin was awarded to Mrs. Wells as the first prize, laken by Judge McKea, was a Russla leather dressing-case, while the second prize, a silver shaving-case, was awarded to Mr. McAdam. Some of those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wray, Mr. and Mrs. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Wray, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hoagland, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Well, and Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Well, and Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Well, and Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Well, and Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Well, and Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Well, and Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Well, and Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Well, and Mr. and Mrs. Well.

The fourth annual reception and entertainment of the Edna Dramatic Circle was held on Monday evening in the Harlem Turn Hall, in One-hundred-and twenty-fourth-st. near Third-ave., at which a New England comedy drama entitled "Hick'rg Farm" was given by the following: W. H. Eling, F. Pick, M. La Forge, Miss Josie Meshane and Miss E. Flangam.

Elaborate preparations are being made for a fair to be given by the Knights of Pythas in aid of the Pythias House, on Washington's birthday, at the Leeox Lycenm, at 2:30 b. m.

An interesting series of semons, at which a min ister of nearly all the denominational churches will preach in turn, will be held at the Lexington Avening Rapist Church in Lexington-ave, and One hundred and eleventh-st. The Rey, John L. Campbell, the pastor of that

ABOVE THE HARLEM RIVER.

DISCUSSING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS SOCIAL EX-TERTAINMENTS.

Several meetings to advance public improven vere held hist week in the uptown wards. izens of West Farms formed a taxpayers' association n Tuesday evening. Dr. M. K. Freeman, one of the oldest residents, was chosen chairman of the meeting and president of the association which was formed. The Rev. Dr. McMahon, of St. Thomas's Church, was one of the principal speakers. He advocated the widening of Tremont-ave., the tricrease of rapid tranit facilities, and the improvement of the ligh ewerage systems. Ex-Assemblyman James H. Wells upoke of the necessity of organization for the purpose of improving that part of the city. He especially urged the drainage of the property known as Walleswamp. The permanent officers of the association in addition to Dr. Freeman, are: Vice-president, Joh W. Bolton; second vice-president, J. Livingston Association held a meeting on Friday evening at One hundred and fotty-sixth-st, and Frook-ave. President P. H. Lydon was in the chair, and made an address advocating concentrated effort to reduce the cost of gas to consumers. Resolutions were adopted reing the city authorities to grant additional facilities the elevated roads on condition that only single fare be charged from the Battery to Woodlawn and that trains be run without change at the Blar lem River.

The letting of contracts for public improvement which are to be begun in the spring has already at tracted the attention of Commissioner Heintz. Eid were opened last week for regulating and grading Woodruff-st, in West Farms, and parts of Tinton-ave and East One-hundred-and-sixty-second-st. Bids were lso prepared for the improvement of East One-hundred-and-forty-seventh-st., East One-hundred-and-fifty second and East One-hundred and sixty-fifth-sts., and of Forest-ave, in Woodstock. The Forest-ave, Improvements are regarded as especially important to the residents in and near Woodstock.

The members of the Ariel Tennis Club are not only expert with the racquets in the summer season and sceful dancers at the winter reunions, but they have musical and dramatic skill which they occa ionally display for the benefit of charities. They gave an entertainment in Harlem on Wednesday evenwhich a farce, an opera and some instrumental musical selections formed the programme, R. M. Cole, G. F. Schader, A. H. Goodson, Miss C. Marie Filat and Miss Florence L. Strond were in the cast of the farce, "Who Is Who, or All in a Fog."
In the opera, "Trial by Jury," E. Bramhal Child, Hadwin Houghton, O. W. Totton, A. C. Postley, S. A. Seeley and Miss Edith Tompkins had the principal out the provisions of the law with regard to the title characters. Other with the case of the case of the provisions of the law with regard to the title characters. Hadwin Houghton, O. W. Totton, A. C. Postley, S. A. Seeley and Miss Edith Tompkins had the principal characters. Others who took part in the opera were: Bridesmads, Miss A. Green, Miss C. M. Plat, Miss D. H. Bell, Miss T. L. Happy; barristers, O. L. Fliat, R. M. Cole, E. J. P. Granville; Jurymen, O. F. Schader, H. F. Cole, H. H. Claxton, W. G. Happy, J. H. James, E. E. Payson, G. H. Campbell, J. G. Lock, George Nixon, W. H. Kupor, E. J. Kingshard; spectators, Miss M. Green, Miss Mapes, Miss G. Holden, Miss Costigan, Miss F. L. Strond, Miss L. Bacon, Miss T. N. Carr, Miss Trimer; Miss Annie C. Rextraw, accompanist; Mr. Edwin Crawford, musical director. In the antience were many well-known residents of the northern wards.

The ladles' reception at the Schnorer Club on Thursday evening was well attended in spite of the unpleasant weather. The clubbonse was brilliantly lighted, potted plants were placed around the slies of the ballroom, and the display of Japanese lanteriss added to the brightness of the scene. The gnests included all of the well-known members of the club, with their wives and friends. The members of the reception committes were: Judge William G. McTrea, chairman; John Riegelman, John Cotter, A. F. Brugeman, B. Kurtze, Henry C. Schrader, Robert Voll-brucht, A. G. Huppel, Hon, Arthur C. Butts, Charles, Jones, Louis A. Risse, Alderman William H. Schott, Edward Wood and Joseph M. Fiym.

The floor committee consisted of A. B. Schile, chairman; Charles W. Collins, Henry J. Behrens, Jr., William C. Reober, John Hoffman, Harry J. Koehler, Henry Paul, Edward D. Stryker, Edward Roditzek, A. F. Schwannecke, William H. Peterson and Albert Engelman, Fred Scholz, William H. Peterson and Albert Engelman, Fred Scholz, William H. Peterson on Albert Engelman, Fred Scholz, William H. Peterson on Sons of the Lyceum in Willis ave, on Wednesday evening. Songs and rectations, Instrumental music and a boxing match were among the attractions. A bicycle club, which has been formed from members of the Lyceum, has already a

Association includes many of the well-known older residents of the Twenty-third Ward, and there was a largy attendance at the reception.

Mrs. Frederick Grote gave a reception at her home, in Kingsbridge Road, Relmont, on Thurs-day evening, for her daughter, Miss Edna Grote, and her son, for her daughter, Miss Edna Grote, and her son, Frederick Grote, Among the guests were Mrs. T. Sedgwick Draper, Mrs. Charles Grote, Misses Grace Heylermen, Addie Hoffman, Dalsy Stoneholdge, Kitty Broas, Annie Keinedy and Charles Webs, Atthur tratt, A. D. Babocek, T. S. Draper and William Stoneholdge.

The North New York Congregational Church, which has its building at One-hundred and forty-third-st., is one of the most active religious bodies in the upper wards. The young people are energy tie in church work, and the pastor encourages every form of religious and charitable enterprise. At the evening service last Sunday a set of three pulpit churs was presented to the church by the Young Ladles' Social Circle, Miss Edith Poeter making the presentation speech, and John Lindsay, the president of the church board, responding. A reception to new members of the church was held on Wednesday evening. A non-ber of young women gave recitations and there was also instrumental and vocal music. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening. Every evening of the present week will be occupied by one or another of the social and religious bodies connected with the church. The young people of the First Pre-bytterian Church of Tremont held a social entertainment on Friday evening.

Among the bulls and receptions of the social organications held above the Harleon Fiver last week week those of Oliver Tiblen Camp, on Toesday evening and of the Rinckerfocker Wheelman of Tremont on Tharatay evening. Mayuerade balls of Rengers Academy and of the "Wood-tock Sports," were held on Wednesday evening.

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A WELL-TRAVELLED LETTER

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A Rockville man about aline months ago received a letter from his brother, employed on a steamship running out of Rombay, India, asking him to send a United States 85 gold piece, which he wanted to wear as a watch charm. He obtained the coin, enclosed it between two pieces of heavy cardboard, put if in a letter and registered it. Last May the letter started en its way, and Friday it returned to the Rockville office. The envelope presented a remarkable appearance, and is a great curiosity, having travelled over 50,000 miles. The letter went to the dead letter office at Rombay, and the coin had disappeared, having probably worn its way out of the letter. The letter went to various points in the East, as well as England and the Continent, in search of the person to whom it was addressed. Every stoppage is registered on the letter, which is covered with marks and writings in all colors. The letter was returned by Postmaster Randail to the man who sent it, and although the coin is missing, he considers the letter of more value than when he sent it.

OUR BIG SISTER CITY.

AFFAIRS IN BROOKLYN.

A Woman's Attempt to Drown Herself-Continuing the Fire Department Investigation-Republicans Working for Unity-Various Items of General Interest.

TALK AT THE NAVY YARD.

CRUISERS MOVING EVERYWHERE.

PLANS FOR THE SPRING RENDEZVOUS-LEGIS

There was a movement all slong the line of the Navy last week. The return of the four vessels from the Pacific Soundren to take part in the naval review, which are experted to arrive at Hampton Roads this week, has already been mentioned in these collidu, and the departure of the flagship Moldcan from san Francisco for Honolulu, and the reporting ready of the Adams and Kanger for service at Honolulu, have commanded special interest among readers; the ordering home from the West Indies of the Kearsarge and the Atlanta was a gratifying piece of news to the families and friends of those on board these ve-sels.

essel for so many weeks is nearing completion. The ship is very nearly ready to receive the new

ag in Brooklyn, has requested the Navy Department o put him on the retired list, under the thirty yearjected to court-martial, upon the charge that, when in command of the nurine guard, at the United Stateonsulate. La Guayra, at a time of revolutionary disorder and turbulence, he was negligent in alloumber of the marines to become drunk and dis edings of the court, the sentence was disapproved by my, and then detached from the Chlengo a week ag and ordered to duty at the Portsmouth Navy Yard. his request is granted, having been first apprint second-lieutenant on June 14, 1862, the will coninue to live in Brooklyn on 75 per cent of his ful

which has been trying cases of enlisted men in the eard, John Doyle, a seaman on the Chicago, was ere "drunkenness" and "wilfully, mallefously and un ustifiably committing an a-sault on Sorgeant Good. · Marine Corps, when nitempting to make an arrest Doyle selected Chaplain Sherman as its counsel, and notwithstanding the fact that he is the son of a judge i Massachusetts, he did not consider himself sufficiently sistance of William Wells, a lawyer in General Isaac Catlin's office. When asked if he objected to an F. McGlensey, commandant of the Chicago, and prethat a man under the influence of liquor was incom petent to be wilfully malicious.

A bill introduced by senator Chandler a fe ago, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, is calculated to carry out what is believed was the with regard to giving to staff officers the title of their relative rank in their commissions. It is believed one of the causes of contention between the line and staff. Section 1.4-9 provides that officers of the tion corps, civil engineers, chaplains and professors of mathematics (constituting the staff officers of the captain, commander, lieutenant-commander, lieutenant of the senior grade, lieutenant of the junior grade and ensign; and that "the grades established shall be filled by appointment from the highest members in each corps, according to seniority, and new conin which the titles and grades established in said se of his rank, and the question was referred to Attos ney-General Devens, who decided that the section referred to "does not give to a pay inspector in th 'pay inspector' expresses both title and grade in the pay corps. The commission of an officer as 'pay inspector,' with the relative rank of commander,' gives the appropriate title and grade of the office named therein, and fully satisfies the fequirement Section 1.480, Revised Statutes,"

The provisions of Senator Chandler's bill take nothing away from the line officers, but give to the staff officers the relative rank and military title e ignized among line and staff officers of the Army. it reads as follows: "That the three grades, by rela tive rank, of officers of the Navy, provided for in sections 1,300 and 1,476, are goides in the sense that officers shall be appointed to and commissioned in each grade by the Freshient, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. That the President is ereby authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, to appoint according to sentority, nd issue commissions to such officers of each of these three grades as have not already been so comnissioned; and hereafter, as vacancles occur, to ap point and commission, according to seniority, officer tvanced or promoted to any of these grades; and in all these commissions the corps title and the grade by relative rank shall be stated as provided Section 1,480 of the Revised Statutes; and further, the date of procedure, according to Sections 1.485 and 1.486 of the Revised Statutes, of the respective officers shall also be stated in said commis

North Atlantic Squadron that there will be no fur ther demand for ships to go to Venezuela, to spend months in that very uninteresting part of the tr ple looking after American Interests while the native are engaged in their periodical pastime of "knocking out" its Government. The Keansage has left Veneznela after a long and monotonous duty there, and the is expected to arrive at Key West in a few days. she will probably not torry long there, but will make a sort of general crulse to Pensacola and New-Orleans, and then start on her way North, stopping at Modile, Savannah, and Charleston, perhaps, and reaching Hampton Roads in time to be made ready or the naval rendezvous there in April. The Atlanta as been ordered to complete her cruise in the West ndies in time to return to Hampton Roads to take part in the anval demonstration.

uch, the people of that country have reason to be there, especially the surgeons, for their humane action and services rendered to the wounded soldiers of both A report of the surgical nid given is commented upon favorably in a recent number of "The to the Brooklyn police. He left his home on Wed-Medical Record." Acting under the Instructions of Rear-Admiral Walker, Medical Director J. Rufus Tryon, fleet surgeon of the American squadron, went to Maento as soon as it became known that there vas a large number of wounded in that neighborhood suffering and dying for the want of sargical attend-With Dr. Tryon went Fassed Assistant Surge John F. Uric and Assistant Surgeon J. M. Whitfield, Navy: Staff Surgeon Thalen, of the German Navy, and Savy, and surgeon Paramitto, of the Spanish Navy, and, with medical and surgical supplies taken from the Chicago, they established a temporary hospital, thoroughly quipped for the treatment of every case coming under the classification of military surgery.

The firegoing instance suggests the advantage of having a court of inquiry in matters that cannot otherwise become of official record, in order that credit been a court of inquiry regarding the disaster that caused the loss of the Trenton and other ships, at samon, in March, 1889, there would have been put upon official record the full details of the numerous acts of heroism and self-merifice, than which none more daring or noble adorn the annals of the Navy.

This disaster was recently recalled by the act of Congress, which restored Naval Cadet Richard H. Jackson to the Navy, with the rank of ensign, after he was dropped because of a law which floutied the number of cadets to be retained after graduation. He was more recently ordered to the Navy Yard and assigned to duty on the torpedo boat Cushing. Cadet Jackson was one of the officers of the Trenton, and when Lieutenant R. M. G. Brown, the executive officer, called for voinnteers to man the yards, and thus act as a sail and prevent the ship from going broadside on the reef, he led the men aloft, the act being one of great peril and exceptional gallantry and intripidity. The act of Jackson, in thus leading the crew, preserved the vessel for a number of hours, and no doubt saved the flives of nearly 400 men. Had there been a caurt of inquiry, it would no doubt have disclosed many acts of personal bravery and heroism on the part of the sailers and engineers' force. One of these enlisted men was deserving of special commendation. He was on the books of the ship as being under punishment for a slight infraction of discipline, and at the time of danger came forward and saved a dozen lives by his own unaided exertions.

There are at present several vacancies among the carpenters of the Navy, or rather, there are fewer warrant officers of this grade than there have been in many years, and Commodore Wilson, Chief of the Bureau of Construction, has urged that the places should be filled. Under the law the number of warrant officers is limited to the discretion of the places should be filled. Under the law the number of warrant officers is limited to the discretion of the places should be filled. Under the law the number of warrant officers have been among the most useful and faithful of the Navy, and among those who served during the Civil War, there are many who have performed discinguished and gallant service. The warrant officers have been among the most useful and faithful of the Navy, and among those who served during on the training ships.

Commodore Wilson and some of the other nava constructors were at one time carpenters in the Navy

NEWS FROM THE ARMORIES.

SIGNAL CORPS MEN HAVE A DRILL-DINNER OF OFFICERS.

The members of the Second Brigade Signal Corps had a mpetitive drill in signalling on Monday evening, The corps was divided into two classes of four teams nd each contestant sent four messages of 100 and Hotel,kiss; time, 20 minutes and 15 seconds mistakes, 4; percentage, 39. The winning team in the second class was Privates Fisher, Atwater, Blauvelt and Faldwin; time, 24 minutes; mistakes, 15 percentage, 56, 25. Captain Leigh gave to each of the embers of the first class team a gold scarf pin, and of the record class team a silver scarf pin, each in the n sword. An entertainment followed the competition

General McLeer has appointed Captain Theodore H. Pahcock, the inspector of rifle practice of the 13 Regi-ment, the brigade inspector of rifle practice on his taff, with the rank of major, in piace of Major Will am H. Langley, who recently resigned, and John H. hultz, jr., captain and alde-de-camp on his staff, in place of W. H. A. Cochran, promoted. Captain Bab ock was appointed inspector in the 13th Regiment is 1881, but resigned a few years afterward. He was o return to the staff when Captain Whitlock left the regiment to become inspector-general of rifle practice. aptain Shultz has had no previous military experince. His father is well known as a generous friend

General McLeer will review the 2d Battery in Ne York on February 21. Colonel Scott, of the 5th Regiment of New York, will review the second battalion of the 14th Regiment. ander Captain Morris, on Monday evening.

the third battalion of the 23d Regiment last evening Colonel Austen, of the 13th Regiment, will review to it from 1862 until 1877, and for nine years was

Association will be held in the armory on April 1. First Lieutenant William P. Pickett, of Company B. First Lieutenant William P. Pickett, of Company B., 25d Regiment, has handed in his resignation. He has been a member of the company since 1880, and first lieuterant since 1887. Second Lieutenant F. A. Wells will probably be chosen to succeed him.

First sergeant Willis Hardett has been nominated for second heutenant of Company E. 25d Regiment, by place of W. O. Jacquette, who recently resigned.

The council of officers of the 47th Regiment held its annual dimer at the Union League (Ituliast evening. The guests were Brigniffer Coneral McLeer, Genian Cortlandt St. John, District Autorney Ridgway and Assistant District Autorney Callahan. The committee of arrangements consisted of Captain W. L. Fish. Quartermaster Andrew R. Balrd and Commissary J. L. Herold, 17.

Company K, 47th Regiment, has asked for an election for second fleutenant, to be held

The commission to investigate the charges against efficiency of the Fire Department continued its work vesterday. Chief Engineer Nevins completed his James Dale, one of the two assistant chief engineers to the efficiency of the work of the firemen and the methods of tighting fires. His evidence was subequipped in the best possible manner.

Company, was questioned in regard to what was needed to give the city adequate protection against fire. He said that the extension of the fire limits and more stringent building laws were needed. There should be brick walls between frame structures to stay the progress of fires after they were started.

Butterick Publishing Company, at No. 7 Greene-ave. partment but the inefficiency of fire equipment that ansed inadequate protection to property. He did not ansed hadequate protection to property. He did not believe that the firemen were drunk on duty, but were overcome by smoke while at work, which led to the im-pression that they were intoxicated.

AT THE PLAYHOUSES.

The plays at both the Columbia and the Amphior Theatres for the last week will be continued for an Wood," with its especial effects, will doubtless con-tinue to be greeted by large and applauding audiences. The fine costumes and excellent dancing are features

of the performance.
"Blue Jeans" has been seen by large audiences at the Amphion, and the play will doubtless attract many more people on the evenings of this week and at the Wednesday and Saturday matiness.

Simon Pommer, twenty-nine years old, who lives at No. 165 North Sixth-st., has been reported missing nesday, and since then nothing has been seen of him by his young wife or friends. Pommer was employed as a general collector for John Cooper, manufac turer of fire-brick and earthen drain pipes. He was married only three months ago, and his young wife is nearly distracted with grief.

CHARGED WITH HAVING TWO WIVES.

Phillip Baumgarther, thirty-seven years old, of No. 945 Grand-st., was arraigned yesterday before Justice Goetting on a charge of bigany. Baumgartner was arrested on complaint of Frieda Nerdermeyer, of Lridgeport, Conn. The woman says she was mar-ried on October 24, 1885, by the Rev. Mr. Meury, of the Hopkins Street Presbyterian Church. They lived together two years, when he disappeared. June 21, 1891, the complainant alleges that Baum gartner married Elise Wendel, who has borne to him two children. Isaumgartner was unable to furnish bail, and was kent to jall pending examination. He is a journeyman brewer.

day the first regular service will be held. venerable Dr. Samuel Cox, Archdeacon of Queens County and Dean of the Cathedral, Garden City, will conduct the morning service. In the evening Bishop

Potter will preach. The cost of the alterations was over \$10,000. The church is now one of the finest in the city, so far as the interior is concerned. The pastor is the Rev. Dr. James R. Darlington.

SALE OF A BANK BUILDING.

THE KINGS COUNTY TRUST COMPANY TO HAVE THE FORMER HOME OF THE LONG ISLAND SAVINGS INSTITUTION. The purchase of the old Long Island savings Bank

by the Kings County Trust Company insures the return of the building to its former uses. Originally estructed for banking purposes, it has been used in other ways ever since the closing of the doors of the bank which built it. The structure was especially built for convenience and security for the bank occupied it, and the burglar and fireproof vault cos The Long Island Savings Institution was the only one of the banks for savings in the city which has ever had to close its doors, even temporarily, and it failure was unique, in that the depositors were paid in full. The bank was incorporated in 1865 and began business at Fulton and Adams sts. A number of wealthy men were interested in it and the score of trustees each deposited \$100 when it was opened for business. In the first year over \$350,000 posited. In 1860 a piece of property at Fulton-stand what was then Boerum Place, and now i knows as Court Square, 52 feet in width by 83 in depth, was purchased for \$40,000. On this a sub-stantial iron and stone structure, four stories in height, with basement and cellar, was erected at a cost about \$200,000. The first floor was devoted to banking purposes and the other floors were occupied by others. The bank was removed to the new building in 1870 and conducted a successful business until 1877, when, owing to the decline in real estate caused by the general depression in values after the panic of 1873, the value of the property of the bank was placed by bank examiners at \$100,000, and they declared the bank insolvent.

A suit was brought to wind up its business and a receiver was appointed. The depositors received a prop sition to take 80 per cent at once, or to be pal in full at half yearly intervals for two years. The deamounted to \$857,478. Depositors to the of \$489,000 agreed to take 80 per cent, but so large a proportion was willing to have the tru-te's wind up the affairs of the bank as the chose that the courts permitted them to take charge of the property and the receiver was relieved. The discharged in full. It is said that there is no other pavings bank with a parallel record of fallure and suf ficient assets to pay off all depositors. The bank building was sold at auction for \$88,000, the purchasers bring E. G. Webster, Alexander Agar and

Cornelius Stryber. since 1880 the banking room has been occupied by the Fulton Municipal Gas Company, which was organized in that year. The upper floors are used as offices by the Kings County Elevated Railway Company and the Brooklyn and Brighton Beach Ratiroad Company. For the convenience of the elevated railroad company there is a passageway into the building from the elevated station in front of it. General James Jourdan is at the lead of the three corporations oc cupying the building.

The Kings County Trust Company pays the sum of \$201,600 for the building, and will occupy the banking room by May 1. It is probable that the Fulto Municipal Gas Company will remove to the present quarters of the Trust Company, in the Arbuckle Build-ing, which are too small for the business of the Trust company, since the bank building was erected, a little m

clinco the bank building was erected, a little more than a score of years ago, there have been many business changes in its neighborhood. At that time all the drygoods houses were below the City Hall; now they are practically all above it. Then a number of banks were near Fulton Ferry, and row all are in the vicinity of the City Hall. The office buildings of the city were then all small and there were few of them. Now there are numerous lofty buildings. The city has grown enormously in all ways, the p guilation has more than doubled and the value of taxable property has increased from \$200,000,000 to \$481,758,129. The Kings County Trust Company has \$500,000 capital and deposits of \$3,153,257. It was organized three years ago.

GATHERED ABOUT TOWN.

Baldwin Holly from Mrs. Mary L. Hobby.

Mary Werthelmer, whose child was murdered last aymend Street Jail to the Wayside Home yesterday. Haas has been sent to State prison for life, and Schultz is awaiting execution for his share in the crime.

Franklin Avenue Presbyterian Church, who was ordained a dencon of the Protestant Episcopal Church by Bishop Potter on Thursday, will conduct services and preach to-day in St. Mark's Episcopal Church in

he told her she was too old for him and refused her society after she discharged a servant girl, Louisa spetch, eighteen years old. She says he has an income of \$10,000 a year, and is worth \$60,000.

The 14th Regiment Armory Commission decided yesterday to seek legislative authority for the issue of bonds to the amount of \$200,000 for the construction

As the result of inquiries by Supervisor at Large Kinkel in regard to a bill of Contractor John H. O'Rourke, of \$16,000 for extra work at the St. Johnland County Farm, the bill has been withdrawn for

Oliver B. Leich, former Police Commissioner, when there was a board of three commissioners, is seriously Ill at his home, No. 39 Aberdeen-st.

The Republican General Committee will meet in Historical Mall on Tuesday evening. The legality of the appointment of George F. Elliott to the Executive Committee, of which he has been made chairman, will be questioned by Jesse Johnson, who claims a majority of the delegates, who qualified from the Twentieth Ward on the night of the organization of the General Committee, selected him. Two others qualified afterward, making a tie in the choice of executive member and Mr. Elllott was designated by Chairman But-

The forty-first anniversary of the Church Charity Foundation will be observed in Grace Church in the Heights at 4 p. m. to-day. The Rev. G. F. Breed, Dr. Arnold W. Catlin and the Rev. J. G. Bnechus will

The Grace Mission of the Church of the Reconcilia tion, which meets at No. 1,983 Fulton-st., will give an entertainment to-morrow night at Arcanum Hall, Fulton-st. and Bedford-ave. The admission is 25 cents and the proceeds will go to the Building Fund. President Lewis, of the Brooklyn City Railroad

Company, says that it will take three weeks to con plete the relaying of the tracks and the putting up of trolley poles and wires for the operation of the Flatbush-ave, street-car line by electricity, and that the work cannot begin until the frost is out of the

CHANGING THEIR CHURCH CHOIR. A radical change in the choir of the Central Con-

ganist, Lewis Moore, is to go to the Tompkins Avenue Congregational Church, at an increased salary. The music committee, composed of John F. Anderson, Jr. R. D. Benedict and Stanley B. Hill, has also decided not to re-engage Mrs. Kathrene Kayannah Parker, the contralto, who has sung in the church for several choir from Plymonth Church. She has many friends who regret that she is not to remain with the church David M. Stone, the leading member of the church has issued a circular saying that he has nothing to de with the music of the church.

AN AMATEUR CLUB'S PERFORMANCES. The Juvenile Amateur Club, of Brooklyn, gave two

performances, February 8 and 0, at Bradbury Hall. It gave "Resebud; or, The Sleeping Beauty" in a satisfactory manner. Adele Payne was the Princess She played her part with much zeal and between the scenes gave "How Salvator Won." Emma Williamson was the Fairy Queen. Lily Gardner was Spitifre and her dancing of the sailor bornpipe won much applause.

They Are Potatoes Now .- Grocer-What the Sam Hill THEIR NEW CHANCEL COMPLETED.

The new chancel in the Christ Episcopal Church,
Bedford near Division-ave., has been completed, and

THEIR NEW CHANCEL COMPLETED.

are you idling for! Don't you see that man waiting for his dollar's worth of potatoes!

Clerk (righteonsly indignant)—How can I wait on him while you're using the quart measure!—(Chicago Tribune.

AN ABSOLUTELY WATERPROOF BLACK

CHINA SILK AMONG THE NEW SPRING SILKS!

Complaints have been legion that black Chine Dress Silks become permanently spotted or stained if subjected to rain or water of any sort-ladies will learn with satisfaction, therefore, that there is now a "black Oriental waterproof" silk for dress and cloak use that is absolutely waterproof—we tie our reputation to its being so!

We are assured by the makers, J. R. Simon & Co., that we alone represent these Silks in Brooklyn. Six qualities—65c., 75c., 85c., 95c., \$1.00 and \$1.25.

Extra for Monday—100 pieces plain colored China Silks, full range of evening shades in 22 colors, every day 50c. line—Monday, 39c.

Silks—Left, cents.

TOILET ARTICLE SALE.

Monday

do Bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla will be soid off for 50e,
500 Bottles Aver's Sarsaparilla will be soid for 50e,
200 Eath Brushes, bent handles, all bristles-our 50e,
11m—Monday
500 Bottles of our 20e, "True Bay Rum" will be
sold for soid for 15e,
500 Bottles of our 25e, Florida Water will be soid for 15e.
Toilet Articles-Front.

SALE OF

HIGH GRADE AND NOVELTY UMBRELLAS.

No. 1-15e 26-inch and 28-inch Umbrellas, heavy twilled silk, finest imported natural wood handles, trimmed with silver, cases and tassels to match, \$3 stock goods; Monday, \$1.95.

No 2-300 26-inch and 28-inch Umbrellas, heavy twilled silk, handles of imported woods, some are trimmed with solid silver, cases and tassels to match, \$4, for \$2.75.

No 3-200 26-inch Umbrellas, finest grade of English twilled silk, handles rare natural woods, solid silver, Dresden, real ivory and tiger-eye, cases and tassels to match, \$5 and \$6, for \$3.50.

No. 4-223 26-inch Umbrellas, finest grade of Spittafeld silks, in black, navy blue and cardinal, real Dresden, ivory and natural wood handles, trimmed with gild, onyx and tortoise shell, case and tassels to match, \$6 to \$8 goods, for \$4.50.

Lot 5-87 26-inch Umbrellas, highest grade of Spittafeld silks in navy blue, cardinal and black, handles of real Dresden inlaid with solid silver, ivery and crystals, inlaid with gold and silver, ivery and crystals, inlaid with gold and silver, pearl and silver, cases and tassels to match, \$8 to \$12, for \$5.50.

Lot 6-19 26-inch Umbrellas, highest grade Spittafeld silk -black only -handsomest and most unious handles, cases and tassels, \$12 to \$20 Umbrellas for \$6.50.

Forenoon is your best opportunity:

Forenoon is your best opportunity! Umbrella-Front, left 1,116 THOMSON'S A-1 \$1.50 CORSETS, \$1.19.

Langdon & Batchellor, makers of the standard "Themsel Glove-fitting Corset," give us 1.116 of their \$1.50 Corsets, so as to allow us to say for them Monday \$1.19. (These Corsets are fresh and perfect, not sut of the mills \$0 days; 18 to 30 sizes; white and drab; reason for sacrifice is the makers are going to change the outside material of which this grade is made.)

Final point: 31c. saved to you on each pair you buy!

DELIBERATELY REPRICED, THESE SPRING DRESS GOODS.

250 pieces Fancy Cheviots, in three-tone ef-fects, a desirable fabric for early spring wear; fects, a desirable fabric for early spring weat; 48c. goods repriced to 31c.
150 pieces Shadow Serges, light, medium and dark colorings; 50c. for 39c.
300 pieces Scotch Tweeds and Homespuns, exclusive designs, for tailor-made dresses, 50c.
50 pieces Ladies' Cloth, twilled back and light weight, newest tints, including Heliotrope, Resch and Old Rose; \$1,50 for \$1.00.
Main Alsle-Left, back.

\$12 REMARQUE PROOF ETCHINGS, \$6.75.

100 Taber's celebrated Aron, 200 lines, mented antique oak frames, size 26x30 lines, in at \$2.45-Monday, \$1.50.

25 Romarque Proof Etchings, such as "Road to the Mill," "014 Foot Bridge," "Surf at Evening" framed in livory, with burnished gold ornament, size 30x40 inches, now selling at \$12.00-Monday, \$6.75.

Pictures-Third door.

AN EVENT

IN HOUSEFURNISHINGS. Woodenware especially, because the fall in price is greatest! This Woodenware, recollect, is "Firsts" in every sense, yet not brand new goods (handled) too much or water touched). WOODENW, Rr.—Brooms, a good quality Green

WOODENW RE-Brooms, a good quality Green Corn Broom, 20c. Kind for 11c. Rissell's Carpet Sweepers, \$3.00 kind for

Hearth Brooms, best corn, 12c. kind for 11c. Pails, 3-hoop brass bound, 29c. kind for 14c. Pails, painted, cable bound, 29c. kind for 14c. Tubs, best cedar, slightly soiled, 95c. kind for Spice Boxes (5 in set), 33c, kind for 19c, per

Scrubbing Brushes, corn. Sc. kind for 4c. each. Scrubbing Brushes, Tampico, 10c. kind for 50 Serubbing Brushes, extra Tampico, 12c. kind,

Step Ladders, folding for library use, \$1.50, for S2c. Comb and Brush Rack, 12c. kind for Sc. Wash Boards, perforated zinc, worth double,

Tables, oak, fancy, sold Saturday for 95c., to Clothes Horse, walnut bars, price was 70c., to Rolling Pins, best-revolving handle, 6c. each.

Kolling Pins, best-revolving handle, oc. caches Stove brushes, good quality, special, for 9c. Coffee Mills, a regular 30c. one for 16c. each. Coffee Mills, a regular 55c. one for 32c. each. TINWARE—Kettles, extra heavy polished coper bottom, 39c.; for 22c.
Coffee Boilers, 3 qts., H. P. copper bottom, e.: for 29e. Kettles (Range) heavy polished copper bottom, Tea Pots, 5 pt., H. P. copper bottom, 39c.; for

Wash Boilers, extra heavy copper bottom; \$1.69; for 98c. Crumb Brush and Trays, fancy, 45c.; for 28c. Chamber Pails, galvanized, heavy, 40c.; for

Fry Pans, small size for eggs, to close out, 10, SUNDRIES-Ammonia, extra strength, standard

ind, 5c. bottle.
Bird Gravel, best selection, 3c. box.
Bird Food, best selection, 4c. box.
Animonia (Willett's perfumed for toilet), 86. Enameline Stove Polish, 3c box

Pearline Washing Powder, 4c. box.
Borax, best quality, 3c. package.
Silexo Scouring Soap, 2c. cake.
Toilet Paper, packages, "Brooklyn," 6 for 256,
Toilet Paper, rolls, our special pink wrapper

Dusters, small size, bric-a-brac, 4c, each. Dusters, best feathers, 8 in. long; 28c, kind Dusters, extra quality feathers, large; \$1.00

kind 6se, each.

Oil Cloth, assorted colors, perforated, 5c. yard.

Shelf Paper, assorted colors, 24 sheets for 26.

Dial Scales, every one warranted; \$1.59 for

Candles, assorted colors: 5c. kind for 2c. each. Door Mats, best cocca brush, 17 and 27 in., 48a. Step Ladders, with shelf, an extra good lader, 11c. foot. der, 11c, foot.

Agate Ware—Our entire line of Agate Ware
(first quality) we have repriced downward about
25 per cent, or, more accurately speaking, 19a
to \$8 articles are changed 15c, to \$6.

